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1. The licensing of the National Democratic Party by the SMA is expected in early May by SED circles. The SED favors von Einsiedel as leader of the new party. The leader in Thuringia will perhaps be Parisius, Chief of the Border Police, who was trained in Russia.
2. The party is designed to split the CDU and the LDP vote and to relieve the SED of the necessity of emphasizing nationalistic slogans which are out of harmony with Marxist aims.
3. The change of the name of the KPD to the Socialist Peoples' Party (voted at Hearne on 28 April 1948) was decided on at a secret meeting of the SED Vorstand in Berlin about 17 April. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] wrongly calls this the dissolution of the Communist Party. It is the intention to get the new name recognized in the western zones; then the SED will also change its name and the combined party for all zones will be a fait accompli. Simultaneously, the present unpopular parties, the KPD and the SED, will disappear.
4. The SED is greatly disappointed by the Hessian and the Bavarian elections; it expects the failure of the Volksbegehren campaign in the West.

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